



**High court refuses to hear Abu-Jamal appeal**

The U.S. Supreme Court recently refused to hear an appeal for a new trial filed by celebrated death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal. The court decided not to act on an automatic appeal arising from a decision made last October by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to reject Abu-Jamal's request for a new trial that included compelling new evidence of gross misconduct by Philadelphia police and prosecutors.

This action by the nation's highest court, fully expected by Abu-Jamal's defense team, sets the stage for two significant events in coming weeks. Lawyers for Abu-Jamal will file a new appeal in federal District Court presenting evidence of misconduct by Philadelphia authorities and deliberate errors by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge will sign a new warrant for Abu-Jamal's execution as required by state law.

Spokesmen for Ridge concede that a federal judge will grant a stay of Abu-Jamal's execution until the federal courts decide on the new appeal.

Abu-Jamal, an award-winning journalist, is on death row for the 1981 murder of Daniel Faulkner, a Philadelphia police officer. Prosecutors say Abu-Jamal shot Faulkner, who was beating Abu-Jamal's brother. Eyewitnesses said the assailant who shot Faulkner fled the scene after the police officer shot Abu-Jamal, who tried to stop the beating of his brother. — Linn Washington

**USDA remembers Carver**

Recently U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman proclaimed Oct. 4-8 as "George Washington Carver Recognition Week." Among the week-long activities was the naming of the USDA headquarters in Beltsville, Md., as the George Washington Carver Center. Glickman was joined by Thurgood Marshall Jr. and Dr. Bennie D. Mayberry during the ceremonies.

"Dr. Carver was a remarkable man," Glickman said. "His outstanding and creative research improved the health and living conditions of the Southern farmer."

While Dr. Carver is remembered for his scientific work with the peanut, this chemist also developed industrial applications from other agricultural crops and discovered hundreds of new uses for soybeans, pecans and sweet potatoes. And his development and instruction in crop rotation methods for conserving nutrients in the soil is a practice that has revolutionized the farming industry. Dr. Carver is recognized as one of the finest scientists ever known.

**Wilson to get Missouri Honor Medal**

Clint C. Wilson, professor of journalism in the Howard University School of Communications and graduate professor in the Howard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, has been elected by the faculty of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism to receive the Missouri Honor Medal.

This lifetime achievement award has been presented by the university since 1930. Some of its recipients include Winston Churchill, Walter Cronkite, Tom Brokaw, Carole Simpson, Charlayne Hunter-Gault and more than 350 other distinguished communications professionals.

Wilson is a journalist and author. He serves as faculty adviser to Howard's student-run Hilltop, and has written for various news agencies, including the Associated Press, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Sentinel and the Washington Post. He has also written and co-written several books, including "Race, Multiculturalism and the Media: From Mass to Class Communications" and "History of the Black Press."

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Rebels leaders return to Sierra Leone**

Three months after the signing of the peace agreement, which ended eight years of civil war in Sierra Leone, the two main rebel leaders, Cpl. Foday Sankoh of the Revolutionary United Front, and Maj. Johnny Paul Koroma of the defunct Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, have returned home to help advance the peace process.

The return home of the two warlords did not ignite the sort of heroes welcome that they probably anticipated.

Security, both at the airport and around the rest of the country's capital, Freetown, was tight with tanks, helicopter gunships, alpha jets and thousands of rifle-carrying Nigerian-led West African peace-keeping troops, known as ECOMOG.

The mood among the citizens was more somber and reflective than celebratory. Even supporters of the rebel movement acted reserved about their leaders' return.

"This is no time for partying. I think the rebel leaders should start the process of disarming their fighters now," said Marian Kamara, a housewife in Freetown. — *Lansana Fofana*

**Debate over abortion heats up in Kenya**

**NAIROBI, Kenya (IPS)** — The abortion debate between the church and rights groups in Kenya has taken a nasty turn, with the government of President Daniel arap Moi continuing to maintain its distance.

Enraged by the call to legalize abortion, the Catholic Church, arguing that abortion violates the sanctity of human life, said it will not compromise on the issue even if it means launching a door-to-door campaign.

"Abortion is the first-degree murder of an innocent, defenseless person by a professional who is otherwise trained to defend life," said Archbishop Ndingi Mwana'a Nzeki, who heads the Catholic Church in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

Njoki Ngung'u of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya chapter, said, "The right to choose whether or not to have an abortion is a right and need for every woman. The church must let women decide for themselves."

Abortion is outlawed in Kenya and is permitted only in cases where the mother's life is in danger or the fetus is severely deformed. — *Judith Achieng'*

**Colonial Williamsburg's black employees still feel mistreated**

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**WILLIAMSBURG, Va.** — A group of black employees at Colonial Williamsburg say they remain discouraged and frustrated a month after their complaints of being typecast as slaves, being underpaid and being denied advancement became public.

The group wrote about their concerns in May to the vice president of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's education division.

A forum arranged by the foundation last month to discuss the issues yielded no results, employees say.

Black employees feel management has not addressed their concerns, said former employee Bob Hubler, who continues to serve as an unofficial spokesman for the employees.

He said some employees were turned down for supervisory roles. Most employees also do not have the training needed to advance because they are committed to programs portraying slavery during times the training is offered, Hubler said.

"Their concerns are being addressed, but we don't discuss personnel issues," Lorraine Brooks, a Colonial Williamsburg spokeswoman said Thursday. "Their concerns are certain-



Slave Gowan Pamphlett, played by James Ingram, is restrained by Thomas Skinner, played by Ken Treese, as other historical interpreters and tourists watch during a program called "Enslaving Virginia" in historic Colonial Williamsburg.

ly not being ignored." This year, Colonial Williamsburg began re-enacting the

harsh treatment of blacks during Colonial times in a program that casts black employees in the

roles of slaves, preachers and servants. White employees sometimes portray their masters.

**Justices hear arguments in voting rights case**

BY RICHARD CARELLI  
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**WASHINGTON** — The Supreme Court pondered the federal government's power to squelch changes in state and local elections as discriminatory even when the new plans would leave racial and ethnic minorities no worse off.

Clinton administration lawyer Paul Wolfson told the justices hearing arguments in a Louisiana case that targets a key voting-rights law "are not limited to an intent to make matters worse for minorities."

But Michael Carvin, a Washington lawyer representing the Bossier Parish, La., School Board, said Wednesday that the law seeks only to thwart a new plan if it abridges minority voting rights.

"If there is no change, it has not abridged the right to vote," he argued.

At issue is whether the Voting Rights Act of 1965 authorizes Justice Department vetoes of election plans that are non-retrogressive. A three-judge federal court in the District of Columbia ruled that no such authority exists.

The justices' ruling, expected by late June, could affect many of the voting-rights disputes likely to arise after the 2000 census and ensuing reapportionment efforts. The decision will dictate how vigorously the government can invoke one part of the 1965 law.

In a separate case, the justices heard arguments over

Hawaii's policy of letting only people with Hawaiian blood elect leaders of a state program benefiting descendants of the islands' original residents. A white citizen of Hawaii says the provision amounts to unlawful racial discrimination.

A decision in that case also is expected by summer.

The Voting Rights Act's Section 5 requires federal pre-clearance of proposed electoral changes, and authorizes denials if the changes are deemed to have a discriminatory "purpose

or effect."

State and local governments covered by Section 5 have the burden of proving the changes are not motivated by racial or ethnic bias. Several justices commented Wednesday how difficult it can be to prove such a negative, and also how hard it is determining the motives of multitember governmental bodies.

The parish School Board for years has had its members elected to four-year terms from 12 different districts. About 20 percent of the parish's population is

black, concentrated in two areas, but none of the 12 districts has a black majority.

As of 1990, no black ever had been elected to the School Board.

After the 1990 census required a redrawing of the School Board election map, the local NAACP chapter proposed creating two black-majority districts. The School Board opted instead for a new map in 1992 with no such district, the same

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**NOTICE MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking minority and women-owned firms (M/WBE) to bid on upcoming highway projects throughout the state. The locations of the projects are:

Project No.	County/Route	Division No.	Type	Location	Metric/English		
8.1311801	Johnston	4	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	I-95 & NC-50 Interchange in Benson	Metric	8%	
9.8043143	Nash	4	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving & PVMT Markings	NC-43 from SR-1613 (Woodruff Ave.) to SR-1535 (Peele Rd.)	Metric	8%	4%
8.1351302	Durham	5	Grading, Drainage, Paving, Pavement Markings, Milling & Structures	NC-157 (Guess Road) from SR-1407 (Carver St) to SR-1449 (Umstead Rd.)	Metric	8%	
8.1511401	Rockingham	7	Widening, Grading, Paving & PVMT Markings	NC-87 from SR-2598 (Cook Forest Rd.) & SR-2594 (Holiday Loop Rd.) to US-29 in Reidsville	Metric	8%	
8.2510501	Rockingham	7	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structures	Bridge over Dan River & approaches on SR-2145	Metric	5%	
6.529001B	Randolph/Chatham	8	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Culverts	US-64 from East of intersection with SR-2628 on West Glenn Ave. in Siler City	Metric	8%	4%
8.2623301	Forsyth	9	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structures	Bridge over Winston-Salem Southbound Railway & approaches on SR-3875 (Waughtown)	Metric	5%	
8.2662601	Cabarrus	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	Bridge over Coddle Creek & approaches on SR-1621	Metric	5%	
8.0671615	Mecklenburg	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving, Pavement Markings & Structures	Charlotte outer loop from south of SR-2806 to south of SR-2802 (Rocky River Church Rd.) in Charlotte	Metric	8%	
8.0672209	Mecklenburg	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	West Charlotte outer loop from North of US-29/74 (Wilkinson Blvd) to North of I-85	Metric	8%	
6.678005B	Mecklenburg	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structures	West Charlotte outer loop from Brown Grier Rd. Extension to 0.507 km North of US-29/74	Metric	10%	5%
8.2311901	Johnston	4	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structures	Bridge over Hannah Creek & approaches on SR-1171 (Hannah Creek Rd.)	English	5%	
8.2451001	Hamett	6	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structure	Bridge over Black River & approaches on SR-1735	English	6%	
6.529006T	Chatham	8	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT Markings & Structures	US-64 from Glenn Ave. to ext 5-lane section West of N. Cottage Grove Ave. in Siler City	English	7%	3%
8.752080B	Chatham	8	Grading, Paving, Guardrail & Pavement Markings	US-64 (Pittsboro Bypass) from 1.15 miles East of SR-1514 to east of US-15/501	English	8%	
8.2700201	Allegheny	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVMT Markings & Structure	Bridge over Little River & approaches on SR-1172 and culvert on Pine Swamp River	English	5%	
8.2741301	Surry	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving, PVT markings & Structures	Bridge over Little Fisher River & approaches on SR-1350	English	6%	
8.2870601	McDowell	13	Grading, Drainage, paving & Structure	Culvert & Bridge over Crooked Creek & approaches on SR-1123	English	5%	

LETTING DATE: Tuesday, October 19, 1999

**\*\*\* MONDAY, October 18, 1999 6 PM - MIDNIGHT \*\*\***

**North Raleigh Hilton - 3415 Wake Forest Road - Raleigh, N.C.**

Prime contractors will be available to receive quotes for trucking, sub-contracting and materials. M/WBE's needing more information and/or technical assistance may come to Room 522 to meet with representatives from the Bennington Corp., NCDOT's Supportive Provider. (919)832-6027

NCDOT Office of Civil Rights & Business Development 1-800-522-0453

Certification of highway contracting firms: Richard Chrisawn

Certification of supply/service/engineering firms: Robert Mathes

Comments or concerns: Delano Rackard: Director



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**This Week In Black History ...**

**Oct. 14, 1958** — The District of Columbia Bar Association votes to accept African American members.

**Oct. 14, 1864** — The first African American daily newspaper, the New Orleans Tribune, is published in both French and English.

**Oct. 15, 1957** — The Sickle Cell Disease Research Foundation opens in Los Angeles.

**Oct. 20, 1924** — The first "Colored World Series" of baseball is played in Kansas City, Mo. The Kansas City Monarchs whip the Hillsdale team from Darby, Penn., in five games.